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Changes to consolidate ceremonies

Cheng : graduation changes will unify campus, majors

LAUREN DUNCAN
Daily Egyptian

While changes to graduation commencements were made to improve the celebrations, some students said they prefer the events remain the same.

Some major changes to be implemented this spring include the elimination of the August commencement, and ceremonies will no longer be held at individual colleges but rather take place in three different commencements at the SIU Arena. The purpose of the adjustments, which were headed by Chancellor Rita Cheng, is to make the day more special for graduating students, she said.

The alteration of graduation traditions on campus arose out of concerns about the ceremonies structure.

“I don’t think there’s any argument around campus that the graduation shouldn’t have improvements,” Cheng said. “When we looked across the country, we knew we had some things that needed some attention.”

Cheng said the graduation changes were also a part of her effort to improve the university’s image.

“We want to celebrate our pride with major events,” she said.

Cheng said she started the graduation review process by forming a task force.

Kimberly Leonard, dean of the College of Liberal Arts and co-chair of the committee, said the group met frequently to take an in-depth look at what could improve SIUC’s graduations.

“Our overreaching objective was to see how we could make it more fun,” she said. “More pomp and circumstance.”

Another purpose of the review was to attract those who might not consider attending, Leonard said.

“Maybe if there were students on the fence about going to the commencement, they will attend now,” she said.

One example the task force looked into for planning the new event was having the August convocation on campus, which both Cheng and Leonard said was well-received.

“We’re trying to think of the commencement as the other side of the bookend,” Leonard said.



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LEARNING TO BE A LEADER | Justin Gregge, a sophomore from Jonesboro studying history of education, learns battle drills Thursday by Kesnar Hall. The Army ROTC Battalion meets every Thursday for labs, where they go over principles such as marching, battle drills and land navigation.

Express stations: Point system is fair

LAUREN GROPP
Daily Egyptian

Students that live on campus with meal plans, often complain the amount of points it takes to buy an item at the express stations on campus doesn’t balance with the 10-point meals in dining halls.

When on-campus students don’t use all their meals at the dining halls by the end of the week, they have the option to spend their leftover points at Eastside Express, in Grinnell Hall or Lakeside Express in Lentz Hall. More than 1,800 items are offered in the stations, including candy, soft drinks, milk, microwavable food and more.

The stores are popular, but students have a misconception about the way items are priced, said Peggy Connors, associate director of university housing.

“Ten meal points for the express correlates to \$1.59. It’s not the same as a guest pass where their (meals) cost \$8.50,” she said. “Students’ meal points for the dining hall help pay for (salaries), electrical, wages, housekeeping and more.”

Before, a student would have a weekly meal plan and, if the points weren’t used, the meals would be lost. In 1995, the point system was developed due to lack of meal usage and no rollover points.

Connors said before the points system came into place, only 56

percent of meals were used. Now 98 percent are used.

For a 12-meal plan, each meal is \$8.58; for a 15-meal plan, each meal is \$7.46; and for a 19-meal plan, each meal is \$6.50.

Ed Wegman, a senior from St. Louis studying forestry, said the stations need to make prices more realistic.

“Everyone complains about the points. An entire meal is 10 points and a small snack like a box of 10 Little Debbie’s is also 10. I think that is ridiculous,” he said.

William Connors, known to students as Chef Bill, and food manager of university dining, said the way items are priced in the express stations is based off the items’ suggested retail price given by manufacturers.

SIU orders its items from a variety of manufacturers such as AMCON, U.S. Foods, Prairie Farms, Little Debbie’s and others, he said. Twice a week, SIU gets shipments of items the stations

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order, as well as an invoice from AMCON that builds its own display of items based on popularity, he said.

“We try to stick with the prices suggested by companies, unless I

think they are out of line. If so, I will come up with a different price and/or go comparison shopping,” he said.

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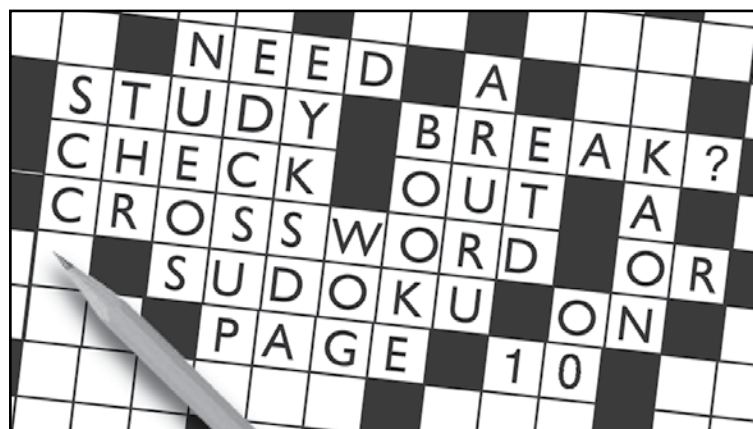
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Author tells story of Illinois slave

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Even though Illinois was considered a slavery-free state, Lydia Titus had to win her freedom four times while living within the state's borders.

Even though the Mason Dixon Line placed Illinois into the free states, slaves could still legally be brought into Illinois during the early 1800s. Darrel Dexter, an author, historian and high-school teacher from Cairo, shared stories gleaned from his research of slavery in Illinois on Tuesday at John C. Guyon Auditorium in Morris Library.

Dexter said he spent years working on research for his book, "Bondage in Egypt: Slavery In Southern Illinois." Within his research, he said, he found there were a lot of stories of people like Titus who had to fight to be free of slavery.

In 1818, he said, there may have been close to 1,200 slaves in Illinois.

While the 24-year-old Titus was not originally a slave, in 1807, she was stopped in Illinois while traveling between Missouri and Kentucky, when she was enslaved.

Dexter said Illinois slave owners had 30 days to bring blacks to the courthouse and make an agreement to servitude.

"If you had that document, the slavery really wasn't any different," Dexter said. "You just weren't technically labeled or called a slave."

In his research, Dexter said he discovered Titus had told her owner in Missouri that she was "provisionally detained" in Illinois because there was ice flowing on the Mississippi River, making it impossible for her to cross. This was a common excuse, Dexter said, because within 30 days, if a slave was indentured in Illinois, they were free.

Titus wasn't free while she was in Illinois, though. Dexter said he discovered Titus was rented out for slave work in Illinois while her owner was in Missouri, and after one year, she and her family ventured to Missouri. Soon after, her owner died and Titus moved with her owner's widow to Randolph County, Ill.

Back in Illinois, Titus filed Illinois' first-ever freedom suit, a legal petition filed in court by slaves seeking freedom, Dexter said. She charged her owner with assault and battery and false imprisonment, and argued for her freedom. After hiring attorney Edward Hempstead, Titus won the case and her first time at freedom. The fines against Titus' former slave-owner amounted to 25 cents.

"Being a slave for 27 years, she received 25 cents," he said. "But she got her freedom, and that's of course more important."

Titus went on to acquire a job, marry and have children. She and her husband purchased a farm by Caseyville, near abolitionist-

populated St. Clair County.

But one neighbor of Titus was a slave owner and notorious kidnapper, Dexter said. Records show the neighbor took Titus to court, claiming he sold a horse to Titus and she did not pay for it. Titus won the case. Soon after, she was kidnapped by her former master's son, Elijah Mitchell.

Again, Titus filed a freedom suit. The defense attorney for the case was John Reynolds, who would later become governor of Illinois. Yet Titus still won the case.

Mitchell kidnapped Titus and her children and took them to Missouri, where he was told he could win in a case of keeping the family as slaves. Again, Titus won and she was awarded \$250.

But Titus was sued for the fine of a lawyer's fee after the case, and she had to auction a piece of her farm to pay the bill. After that, Dexter said, he hasn't been able to find what happened to Titus.

Although Dexter said his students have expressed disappointment in not being able to know the end to Titus' story, he said her life can be looked at for greater meaning, even if the story doesn't have an ending.

"One thing that personally I learned from Lydia Titus is that you can have your freedom, but somebody can take it away from you, too," he said. "You have to be willing to stand up and fight when somebody tries to take your freedom."

Dexter, who said he did much of his research at Morris Library, said his interest in Illinois slavery was prompted during his college years at SIU, when he did a lot of genealogical records and noticed the census records in southern Illinois counties showed slaves.

Joseph Brown, chair of the Black History Month Committee and the Africana Studies Department, said he arranged for Dexter to speak after meeting him through the Illinois Historical Society.

He said people might be able to learn more from the fact that Titus' story does not have an end.

"There's so many pieces of this story we will never know," Brown said. "I think that we all need to understand that, because the ache of not knowing is supposed to drive us to learn more and more."

The learning experience is what K'Lah Jackson, a sophomore from Chicago studying radio-television, said motivated her to attend Dexter's lecture. Jackson said although she lives in Illinois, she didn't know about the history of slavery in the state.

"This is something you don't get to see every day, you don't hear every year," she said. "Learning something new is always good for the future. Even though that's the past, the past makes up your future."

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fighting to fly a kite



ISAAC SMITH | DAILY EGYPTIAN

Luca Cruzat, of Carbondale, fights the wind Monday as she tries to photograph her handmade kites in Murphysboro. Cruzat said she was photographing the kites as part of her installation proposal for the Mid America Print Council Conference this November. Cruzat said the idea of flight was part of her inspiration to make the kites. "It's a combination of things," she said. "Probably a memory from childhood. As a child, a kite is the closest thing you can get to flying."

Online classes begin to show prominence

ASHLEY ZBOREK
Daily Egyptian

The number of students enrolled in online classes increased 11.5 percent from last spring despite the university's overall enrollment decline.

While some in the university community think online courses lack many positive aspects of the classroom experience, the university promotes taking the classes to stay competitive with other universities.

Chancellor Rita Cheng said she considers online courses to be an important component of any higher learning institution.

"Our competitors are embracing technology, enhancing student learning and expanding the reach of the university beyond the classroom," she said. "It is important for SIU to step up and embrace the Internet."

Most campus departments are represented by a variety of online classes.

Gayla Stoner, director of the Office of Distance Education, said today's students are technology users who are learning from a global perspective.

"Online classes provide access to students through the same instruction as on-campus classes," she said. "Also, if an on-campus student needs a course that doesn't fit into their existing schedule, they may be able to add an online course."

William Harms, a senior from Springfield studying psychology, said he has never taken an online

class and never plans on it.

"I like going to class, I like meeting new people and I like interacting with my professor," he said. "There are so many things that the classroom environment provides that you would never be able to get out of a computer."

Cheng said this blended learning allows students to incorporate technology and enhance rather than limit their learning experience.

Harms said it is obvious that human interaction will continue to dwindle with the way technology and society is going.

"People already have more friends on Facebook than they do in real life," he said. "They already choose to text instead of call, and now they are choosing to go to school online."

Cheng said online classes might be a different experience, but not a worse one.

Stoner promotes online classes because of their technological integration.

"Technology opens doors to the entire world by providing diversity and access to other societies," Stoner said. "More resources are available to the place-bound student through technology providing learning experiences not available without technology."

Anne Townsend, a senior from Pekin studying recreation, said she has taken online classes and thinks they are OK.

"I prefer a real classroom. If I have a question, I can ask it directly and get an answer right away instead of waiting for an

online response," she said. "I understand why there are online classes, but I prefer having social interaction and hearing others' perspectives."

Stoner said there is more to the learning experience than curriculum. Online courses offer tools to enhance the learning styles of all students, she said.

"For example, a collaborative project offered online is an ideal way to encourage a peer-to-peer learning experience," she said.

Cheng said the classes expand programs' quality and allow for many more people to become students.

Stoner said although all types of students take online courses, online courses offer great opportunities for non-traditional students who require a more flexible schedule.

Josh Grey, a sophomore from Evanston studying radio-television, said he likes the idea of online classes.

"While I have not been able to take one yet, I really like the idea of convenience. Who wouldn't want to take their class in their pajamas?" he said.

Grey said as far as the future of education goes, it will probably move along with technology and society.

"People are already replacing notebooks with iPads," Grey said. "We're moving toward the future, and part of learning is adapting to technology."

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Walmart may be a little cheaper than what's in the express, but that's because it purchases items in larger quantities, he said.

He said university dining can't buy retail items in large quantities such as Walmart, making AMCON more of a middle man. They supply for smaller quantities but charge a little more, making their suggested retail price more suitable for convenient stores.

He said if something doesn't sell, the station will lower the price. However, they don't have a full-time person dedicated to the system, so weekly sales would be really difficult, he said.

Peggy Connors said rollover points were discussed about 10 years ago, but the university had concerns. Some students may use their meals quicker before the end of the semester and would have to pay for more food to last them the rest of their stay.

Bill Connors said he agreed.

"If many students had a lot of points leftover, there wouldn't be enough products for everyone to use all in time. The express can get cleaned out and can't supply all students," he said.

With 98-percent meal usage,

Connors said rollover points aren't necessary because most students are using their meals.

Anna Greer, a senior from Washington studying zoology, said she wouldn't want rollover points.

"I would just waste more points because I wouldn't cash out at the end of the week and be left with 100 points at the end of the year and not be able to spend it all," she said.

Bill sConnors aid the express tried offering sales such as items for one point to help students get more for their available points.

"There used to be items worth one point like Laffy Taffy, but students didn't really buy them," he said. "Two-point items like Gummies at Grinnell go through nine or 10 cases a week with over 200 in a case."

Connors said the express is a valuable tool offered for students.

"I think it's a very flexible program, but the dining halls are better," she said. "This is mainly used for students who have a class conflict and the dining halls are closed. With the express being open till midnight, it's really convenient for students who need last-minute items."

Tricia Thompson, a sophomore from Chicago studying psychology, said the stations are valuable.

"They have a lot of items and sometimes I don't want to eat in the

dining halls. I can just get a snack while going to class or a job search," she said.

Peggy Connors said a lot of items in the store are by student requests.

"That's actually how this program grew from the very beginning," she said. "It used to be in a small room with a few items. Then it got popular and now we've expanded it to an actual store."

She said the express stations have many benefits.

"We have items you can throw in your backpack if you're on the go, and a lot of our items are microwavable," Connors said.

Wegman, who has a 15-meal plan, said the plan is beneficial.

"I usually have five to seven meals leftover a week," he said. "I try to use those points, and the express is very convenient considering I don't have a car and work 23 hours a week."

However, both Connors and said they encourage students to use the dining halls.

"The best option for your money is to go to the dining hall and get more food, as well as healthier food, for your dollar spent," Chef Bill said.

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GRADUATION

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In the process of making changes, Leonard said the group considered holding one large ceremony, holding the event off-campus or even distributing tickets to limit the amount of guests a student could invite.

"We decided against that because this is a university where sometimes a lot of people – a lot of first-generation college students – have their whole family come out," Leonard said.

For Timothy Brinson, a senior from Michigan studying advertising, a limit to how many people he could have attend would have affected his graduation experience, he said, as he plans for several of his relatives to be present that day. But he said several of the changes that were made will still affect him.

Brinson said he planned to graduate in August, but because the ceremony will no longer be held then, he is going to walk in May as a part of a new policy that enables students with six remaining credit hours to walk at graduation beforehand. The new policy makes it possible for students finishing their studies with six or fewer credit hours in the summer to participate in May commencement.

Brinson said his other concerns include the early timing of his ceremony – 8:30 a.m. – which will require his family to travel to SIU the day before. He also mentioned the longer length of the ceremony. Brinson said for some attendees, it may be a challenge to sit for that long.

Still, Brinson said, he doesn't think the changes will hinder students and their families from attending.

"For us, it's a big deal because we're seniors this year," he said. "When something is new, it always affects the first ones."

“For us, it's a big deal because we're seniors this year. When something is new, it always affects the first ones.

— Timothy Brinson senior from Michigan studying advertising

For other students, the changes have affected their overall graduation plans. Ashton Jobe, a senior from Chicago studying economics, said he had planned on taking summer classes and graduating in August, but since there is no ceremony, he is going to postpone his summer classes until the fall.

"It kind of threw everything off," he said.

Ticarra Sharp, a senior studying social work from Chicago, said she will finish school in August but will return to the university in December to graduate because she doesn't qualify for the early ceremony policy.

Although Sharp said she has attended ceremonies at SIUC that have lasted nearly two hours, Jamin Champion, an undecided junior from Waterloo, said one of the things he was most impressed with at the ceremony he attended was how short it was.

"As far as myself, if I were going to attend a friend's, I'd be less likely to go if it were longer," he said.

Champion said he also thinks the consolidated ceremonies might take away from the intimacy of smaller groups.

"I think it's less enjoyable," he said. "If you're graduating, you want it to be with people you know."

As outlined in an email the Chancellor sent to the university community Wednesday, the three ceremonies will be held on May 12. The 8:30 a.m. ceremony will include the Colleges of Liberal Arts and Mass Communication and Media Arts, the 1:30 p.m. ceremony will include the Colleges of Agricultural

Sciences, Applied Sciences and Arts, Engineering and Science, and the 5:30 p.m. ceremony will include the Colleges of Business, Education and Human Services and the School of Law, the email states.

Graduate and law degrees will be recognized along with undergraduates, and Alumni Achievement Recipients will also be recognized at the events.

Cheng said she has heard both negative and positive responses to the changes. In order to not take away from the closeness of the individual ceremonies, she said, the graduation ceremonies will serve as a main campus event and the colleges can have another type of event. The College of Engineering has already planned an event, she said, and the law school will continue to hold its hooding ceremony, which is a traditional event for graduate and law schools where students wear hoods at graduation.

Although Cheng said she wasn't certain why the ceremonies were divided among colleges in the first place, she said it may have been because of decentralization on the campus from a turnover in leadership. With the new ceremony, which she said will include a well-known person to come as a speaker, Cheng said she hopes it will serve as an event students will remember fondly.

"We want to make it a grand event," she said.

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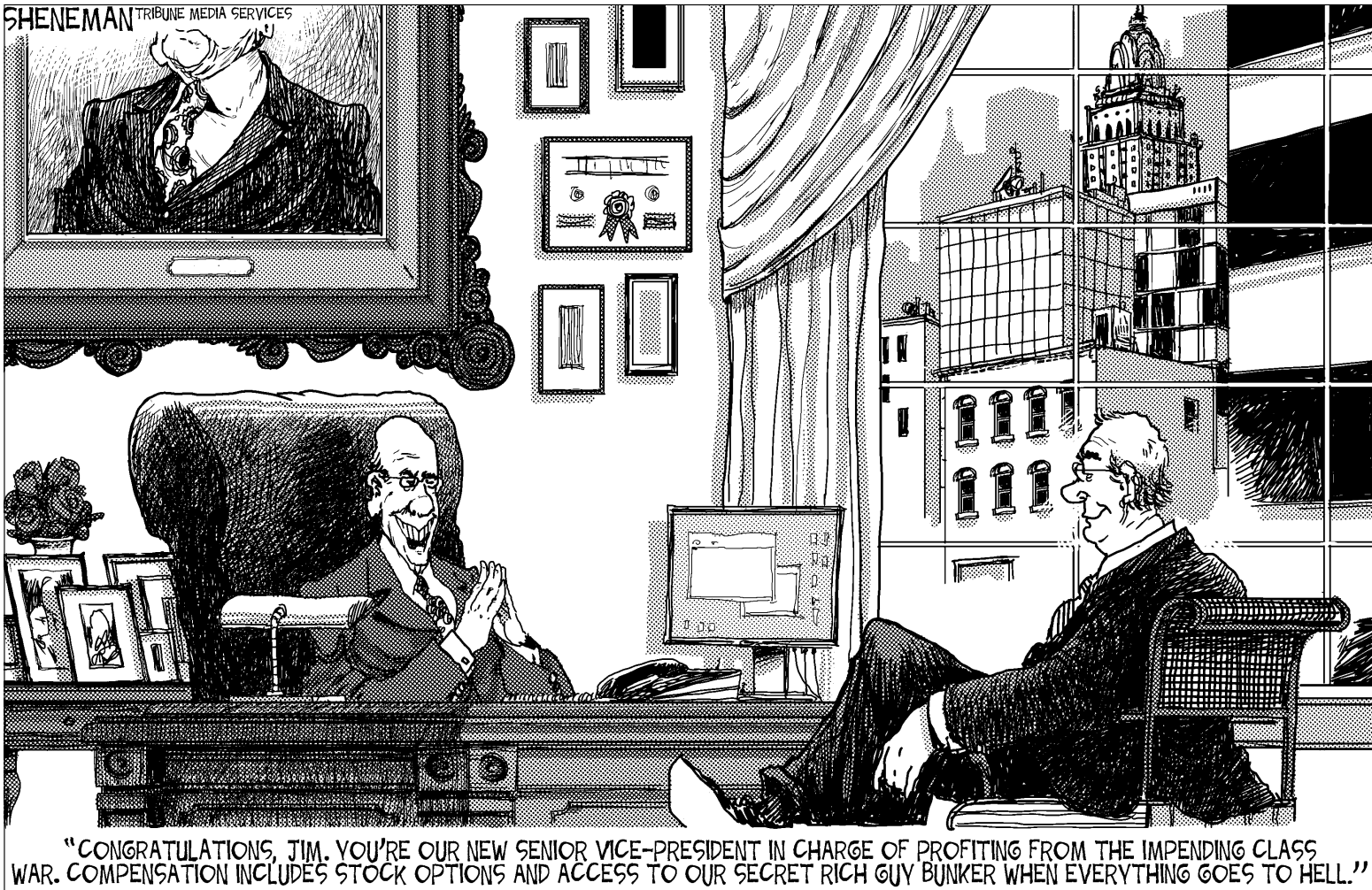
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Regionalism: United we stand?

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PORTLAND, Maine — In U.S. presidential campaigns, you can expect to hear a lot about the Founding Fathers, and how their ideals, intents and spiritual beliefs are allegedly in sync with those of whichever candidate is speaking of them at the time. In contentious times like ours, the Founders are regularly summoned from their graves to provide direction. If we could only recognize and embrace their instructions, the candidates argue, then we could find our lost sense of common purpose, restore our civic virtue, and finally return the Union to unity.

But these arguments are frustrated by the simple fact that the men who came together to confront a common enemy in 1775 and to craft an enduring alliance in 1789 were not our country's founders, but rather the founders' great- or great-great-, or great-great-great-grandchildren.

The real founders — early-17th-century Puritans and Dutch West India Company officials, mid-17th-century English aristocrats, late-17th-century West Indian slave lords and English Quakers, early-18th-century frontiersmen from Ulster and the lowlands of Scotland, and so on — didn't create an America; they created several Americas.

Some of these American societies championed individualism, others utopian social reform. Some believed

themselves guided by divine purpose, others by freedom of conscience and inquiry. Some embraced an Anglo-Protestant identity, others ethnic and religious pluralism. Some valued equality and democratic participation, others deference to a traditional aristocratic order modeled on the slave states of classical antiquity.

As I show in my new book, "American Nations," throughout the Colonial period these separate regional cultures regarded one another as competitors, and occasionally as enemies, as was the case during the English Civil War, when Royalist Virginia stood against Puritan Massachusetts, or when New Netherland and New France were invaded and occupied by English-speaking soldiers, statesmen, and merchants.

Only when London began treating its colonies as a single unit — and enacted policies threatening to nearly all — did some of these distinct societies briefly come together to win a war of liberation and create a joint government. Nearly all of them would seriously consider leaving this new union in the 80-year period after the Battle of Yorktown; two went to war to do so in the 1860s: the Deep South and Tidewater.

All of these centuries-old cultures are still with us today and have spread their people, ideas, and influence across mutually exclusive bands of the continent.

America's most essential and abiding divisions are not between red states

and blue states, conservatives and liberals, capital and labor, blacks and whites, the faithful and the secular. Rather, our divisions stem from this fact: The United States is a federation composed of the whole or part of 11 regional nations, some of which truly do not see eye to eye with one another. These nations respect neither state nor international boundaries, bleeding over the U.S. frontiers with Canada and Mexico as readily as they divide California, Texas, Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Virginia.

Despite the rise of Walmart, Starbucks, and the Internet, there is little indication that they are melting into some sort of unified American culture. On the contrary, since 1960 the fault lines between these nations have been growing wider, fueling culture wars, constitutional struggles, and ever more frequent pleas for unity.

Recognizing the presence and fundamental characteristics of these rival regional cultures makes our history a lot easier to understand. It illustrates why certain parts of British North America remained Loyalist in the Revolution — or tried to remain neutral — and often had different interpretations of what the struggle was actually about. It offers a much clearer explanation for the geographical alignments on the eve of the attack on Fort Sumter, when only one part of the future Confederacy had seceded and only one slice of the Union was willing to take up arms to stop them, and almost everyone expected the U.S. to break into three or four parts.

The same fault lines appear on county-level maps of most closely contested presidential elections in our history, and in recent congressional debates over health care reform, financial industry regulation, and the debt ceiling. You can see it in the contrasting policy records of (Yankeedom native) Mitt Romney and (Deep Southern-raised) Newt Gingrich and, indeed, the geography of their support in the early primary contests.

It clarifies our debates over immigration and the American identity, in which proponents of contradictory arguments each believe they are articulating longstanding American ideals. But what's rarely understood is that each of these is rooted in a different regional cultural tradition. The Quaker-founded Midlands — a narrow tier of our heartland stretching from Philadelphia to Iowa — always saw itself as an ethnic mosaic, with peoples of many cultures and languages living side by side.

Puritan-founded Yankeedom — stretching from New England to the Upper Great Lakes states — argued instead that we were a melting pot into which immigrants were to be assimilated into Anglo-Protestant cultural norms, Calvinist work ethic and all. The Yankee idea looked perfectly insane from the vantage of El Norte, the Spanish borderlands in northern Mexico and parts of what is now the southwestern U.S., where the "Anglos" were the 19th-century immigrants.

For the past two centuries, federal politics has largely been a struggle be-

tween two shifting coalitions, one led by Yankeedom, the other by the Deep South. In recent decades, neither has been able to build a bloc large enough to control the levers of federal power on its own, which has made the great "swing nation" of the Midlands the kingmaker in our presidential contests. Midlander culture shares the Yankee emphasis on the common good, but is also deeply skeptical of government, wishing it to leave their communities in peace.

This has made its people ambivalent — and, thus, up for grabs — in the epic battles between the superpowers to their north and south. It's no accident that most of the great battleground states have a great swath of Midland territory, including Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Missouri. Win over Midlanders and you're likely to win a presidential contest; scare them with extreme positions to the left or right, and you most certainly will not.

Despite all this, our Balkanized federation has survived and, yes, thrived. But it has not done so because of shared fealty to a single American creed or a set of common principles held by our Founders, be they the 17th-century or 18th-century variety. Rather, it is because our leaders have brokered — and sometimes enforced — compromises between our disparate founding cultures. If we're to succeed going forward, our representatives in the federal capital — from the president on down — will need to re-learn this dying art.

It takes two men to replace The Big Man

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NEW YORK — It takes two men to replace The Big Man.

Bruce Springsteen announced Thursday that two musicians — Jersey Shore sidekick Eddie Manion and Clarence Clemons' nephew Jake — will “share the saxophone role” during the E Street Band's “Wrecking Ball” world tour, which begins March 18 in Atlanta.

The new “Wrecking Ball” album, which will be released March 6, is Springsteen's 17th, and the first since the sudden death of

the E Street Band's saxophonist last summer.

The long-awaited, and much-speculated-upon, sax decision also included news that singers Cindy Mizelle and Curtis King, trombonist Clark Gayton and trumpeter Curt Ramm will tour with E Street, along with newcomer Barry Danielian on trumpet.

Jake Clemons, son of a former Marine Corps band director, began performing with his family as a child, and his career was championed by his famous uncle.

Eddie “Kingfish” Manion is a longtime saxophonist with Southside Johnny and the Asbury

Jukes, a group that has cross-pollinated for decades with Springsteen and E Street. He was with the horn section during Springsteen's Tunnel of Love tour in 1988 and also played with the Seeger Sessions Band, along with Ramm and Gayton.

Manion recently told New Jersey's Star-Ledger that he had sometimes been urged to “just sound like Clarence Clemons. ... But you couldn't. Nobody could sound like that. He had a sound of his own, and that's what made him great.”

The decision on how to fill the Big Man's larger-than-life role in

the E Street Band was not an easy one. The personal and professional aftershocks from the devastating June 18 loss have not subsided. His sax was a pillar of the E Street sound; Clemons also was the band's spiritual center.

His comrades have struggled through the healing process, offstage and on.

Last July, E Street's Steven Van Zandt joined Southside Johnny Lyon and his Jukes for an outdoor musical tribute to Clemons in Asbury Park, N.J. Instead of a moment of silence, the mayor led the crowd in a moment of noise in the Big Man's memory. Manion

poured his heart into Clemons' most famous solo, “Jungleland.”

E Street's equally broken-hearted Nils Lofgren dedicated his album “Old School” to Clemons, and has included references to him in live performances of “Miss You Ray,” a song originally written about Ray Charles.

The selection of a Southside stalwart for the tour doesn't come as a total surprise. Lyon recently let it slip to an interviewer that Springsteen was “stealing” some of his famously big brass section. But in interviews that followed, Van Zandt sidestepped the subject, suggesting there was no done deal yet.



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WORLD & NATION

Humanitarian crisis deepens in Syrian city of Homs

ELIZABETH KENNEDY
Associated Press

BEIRUT — Between blasts of rockets and mortar fire, Syrians used loudspeakers to call for blood donations and medical supplies Thursday in the stricken city of Homs, where a weeklong government offensive has created a deepening humanitarian crisis.

Government forces are trying to crush pockets of violent resistance in Homs, the epicenter of an 11-month-old uprising that has brought the country ever closer to civil war. The intense shelling in restive neighborhoods such as Baba Amr has made it difficult to get medicine and care to the wounded, and some areas have been without electricity for days, activists say.

"Snipers are on all the roofs in Baba Amr, shooting at people," Abu Muhammad Ibrahim, an activist in Homs, told The Associated Press by phone.

"Anything that moves, even a bird, is targeted. Life is completely cut off. It's a city of ghosts," he added.

As he spoke, explosions could be heard in the background.

"The bombardment has not eased, day or night," he said, asking to be identified by his nickname for fear of reprisals. "Do you hear the sound of the rockets? Children have been wounded, elderly with extreme injuries."

Hundreds of people are believed to have been killed since early Saturday in the heaviest attack the city has endured since the uprising began in March, activists said.

"This brutal assault on residential neighborhoods shows

the Syrian authorities' contempt for the lives of their citizens in Homs," said Anna Neistat, associate emergencies director at Human Rights Watch. "Those responsible for such horrific attacks will have to answer for them."

Human Rights Watch also said eyewitness accounts, as well as video reviewed by the group's arms experts, suggest Syrian government forces are using long-range, indirect fire weapons such as mortars.

Such weapons "are inherently indiscriminate when fired into densely populated areas," the New York-based group said.

The wounded have overwhelmed makeshift hospitals and clinics, and there were growing concerns that the locked-down city could soon run out of supplies.

"There is medicine in the pharmacies, but getting it to the field clinics is very difficult. They can't get the medicine to the wounded," Mohammed Saleh, a Syria-based activist, told the AP by telephone.

Baba Amr, he said, has been without electricity since Saturday.

The assault on Homs began after reports that army defectors and other armed opponents of President Bashar Assad were setting up their own checkpoints and taking control of some areas. The reports could not be confirmed.

But the city is the capital of Syria's largest province, stretching from the Lebanese border to the Iraqi frontier. If rebel forces keep gaining ground there, some believe they could ultimately carve out a zone akin to Benghazi in eastern Libya, where rebels launched



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Syrian rebel fighters are seen during an exchange of fire with army troops, unseen, in Idlib, Syria, Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2012. The European Union will impose harsher sanctions on Syria, a senior EU official said Wednesday, as Russia tried to broker talks between the vice president and the opposition to calm violence. Activists reported at least 50 killed in the regime's siege of the restive city of Homs.

their successful uprising against Moammar Gadhafi last year.

Saleh said most of the government attacks have been "bombardment from a distance," with regime forces keeping armored vehicles out of the neighborhoods.

Fighters from the rebel Free Syrian Army have been firing back with rocket-propelled grenades and rockets, according to activists' accounts.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights and the Local Coordination Committees were trying to compile numbers and names of those killed

Thursday. The LCC, an activist group, said up to 100 people were killed in Homs, but the toll was impossible to independently verify. The Observatory reported 46 deaths in Homs.

Activists also reported violence in the towns of Zabadani and Daraa.

As the bloodshed persists, the international community is searching for new diplomatic approaches to stop the protracted conflict.

The Syrian government blames the unrest on a foreign conspiracy by Israel and the West. It says armed gangs and terrorists are

behind the uprising, not protesters seeking democratic change.

The uprising began with mostly peaceful protests but has transformed into an armed insurgency against Assad in many areas, raising fears the country is spiraling toward civil war. In January, the U.N. estimated an overall death toll of more than 5,400 since March.

The number of children killed has climbed into the hundreds, said Radhika Coomaraswamy, the U.N. representative for children in armed conflict, adding that the situation was particularly harrowing in Homs.

Men charged after 43 puppies found in Chicago van

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Two Iowa men were facing charges after 43 puppies were rescued from cramped carriers without enough food or water from a parked van in southwest Chicago, authorities said.

The puppies came from a large-scale breeding operation in Iowa and were bound for pet

stores in Chicago and New York, said Cherie Travis, director of Chicago's Commission on Animal Care and Control.

The Chicago Tribune reports that some puppies were only 6 weeks or 8 weeks old, and the breeds included boxers, huskies, Chihuahuas and Pekingese.

Police spotted the van Tuesday and took a closer look

after hearing barking. The animals were in about 10 cages, all of them dirty and filled with urine and feces, Cook County prosecutors said.

Two men were sleeping in the van.

Travis Wester, 22, and Larry Subject, 49, both of Britt, Iowa, were each charged with misdemeanor failing to meet

animal owner duties and cruelty to animals, according to a statement from Chicago police. They were each ordered held on \$10,000 bond pending a court hearing.

It was not clear if the men had attorneys. There was no telephone listing in Iowa for Wester, and a phone number for Subject rang unanswered on Thursday.

Animal Care and Control has

had no previous contact with the two individuals arrested, Travis said. She credited police with being "alert and astute" to notice the puppies in the vehicle.

Animal Care is taking care of the puppies, and the dogs would not become available for adoption until ownership is given to the city by a court, officials said.

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- Easy stride
- Remembered Texas mission
- Ran ___; encountered
- Final word of a prayer
- Well-mannered
- Fellows
- Crew members
- Make amends
- Lift with a crane
- Lyrical work
- Noisy fights
- Commando
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- Intensive aerial bombing
- Unused
- Puts in
- Miami ___, FL
- Get away
- Go quickly
- Henry Cabot
- Self-assurance
- Disgusting
- Sculpted
- Forget-me-___; blue flower
- Adhesive
- Sudden muscle contraction
- Assists
- Capture
- Like an action for which one incurs a penalty
- Sinful habit
- Linkletter and Carney
- Dole out
- Hotels
- Robin's home
- Track events
- Grows old

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DOWN

- Grand ___; bridge coup
- Residence
- Generous
- Pigsty
- Keep bugging
- Watchful
- Food fish
- Mischief maker
- Part of a sock
- Dim-___; stupid
- Dope; lowdown
- Astonish
- Opening
- Spanish port
- Lubricates
- Has debts
- Sworn promise
- Uninteresting
- Transistor ___
- Uncle Ben's product
- Stimulating
- Actress Della
- Cots and bunks
- Fail to keep up
- Unwanted garden growth
- Boxing match
- ___ Worth, TX
- Weaving frames
- Elapse, as time
- ___ on; demand
- West Point students
- Aviator
- Reach across
- Unsullied
- Crawling bugs
- Competent
- Zits
- Mrs. Truman
- Pork product
- Tavern order
- By way of

Thursday's Answers:

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5	3	8	9	1	7	6	4	2
4	8	2	6	7	3	1	5	9
6	5	7	8	9	1	4	2	3
3	9	1	4	2	5	7	8	6

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contain every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk.

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(Answers tomorrow)

Thursday's Answers

Jumbles: CYCLE WOUND BEATEN BANTER

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Leo — Today is an 8 — The pressure increases, but you have what it takes. Follow a strong leader. Everything starts to make sense. Don't pour money down a hole. Review work before sending.

Virgo — Today is a 9 — Get farther than expected, and discover new things about yourself. You're entering a lucrative phase, but stick to your blueprints. Your actions speak louder than words.

Libra — Today is an 8 — Your confidence gets a boost later today. Getting clear on your purpose or focus inspires you to take action. Direct traffic; folks want to contribute.

Scorpio — Today is an 8 — Time to get your hands dirty with an art project. Find your creative side. What do you love? What tickles your fancy? If you're lost, let a partner take the lead.

Sagittarius — Today is an 8 — Romance requires patience and flexibility now, but it's well worth it. Balance short-term goals with long-term sustainability. There's a test..

Capricorn — Today is a 7 — New energy propels you to create goals for the future and take action. Find a quiet place where you can concentrate, and think up some revolutionary ideas.

Aquarius — Today is an 8 — Get ready for an adventure that could last into the weekend. Tie up the loose ends from older projects so you can launch a new one without looking back.

Pisces — Today is a 9 — It's easier to concentrate now, especially in the financial realm. Why not get your taxes done early? Or at least go over the paperwork to see where you can save.

Salukis to compete against top teams at Iowa Classic

AKEEM GLASPIE
Daily Egyptian

In a meet that includes several top schools, the SIU track and field team will compete in the Iowa State Cyclone Classic, a competition that began Thursday and continues through Saturday.

The meet features a field of more than 50 teams. The SIU women's team entered the meet ranked 11th in the nation, up from 16th last week.

The only other ranked school competing on the women's side is host Iowa State, which is ranked 14th.

For the SIU men's track and field team, the competition consists of multiple top-25 ranked schools. The highest-ranked team in the field is the University of Minnesota at 10th. Fellow Big Ten schools University of Nebraska and University of Wisconsin are ranked 13th and 17th respectively. Kansas State University also brought a

nationally ranked team into the meet at 16th, and University of Iowa rounds out the nationally ranked field at 20th.

The competition features several stand out performers who have set NCAA records throughout the indoor season. In the men's 400-meter, Nebraska freshman Ricco Hall ranks ninth this season with a time of 46.93. Nebraska freshman Patrick Raedler ranks 20th in the triple jump with a 15.52 jump. In the pole vault division, University of Northern Iowa junior Daniel Gooris ranks 17th with a 17-4 ½ vault.

Senior thrower J.C. Lambert is nationally ranked in the weight throw for the Salukis. He ranks third with a throw of 74-4.25 from the Jan. 13 Saluki Open. His closest competition could be Iowa senior Matt Banse, who recorded a 66-10.75 throw during the Feb. 3 meet.

The Saluki women are



ISAAC SMITH | DAILY EGYPTIAN

Freshman thrower Curtis Wideman, middle, and throws coach John Smith, left, watch Saturday as Wideman's teammates compete in the Saluki Invitational at the Recreation Center. The Salukis will travel today to Ames, Iowa to compete in the Iowa State Classic.

set to face stiff competition as well. Kansas State senior Boglarka Bozzay ranks 12th in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:06.00. The women's one-mile

field is stacked with nationally ranked competition; Nebraska senior Ashley Miller has a time of 4:39.11, which puts her 20th in the NCAA. Iowa senior McKenzie

Melander will compete in the field as well after posting a 4:39.78 in March of 2011.

Iowa State brings two nationally ranked runners into the 5,000-meter event. Senior Betsy Saina posted the second-best time in the nation last February with a 15:50.74 time. Cyclone junior Dani Stack's time of 16:12.08 ranks her 21st in the nation.

SIU senior Malaikah Love is the highest-ranked competitor in the long jump and the triple jump. She said she looks to continue her dominance after a strong performance in the Saluki Invitational.

Thrower Jeneva McCall is currently the highest-ranked weight thrower with her throw of 77-11.05. She is also the highest-ranked shot putter in the field, with Iowa State freshman Christina Hillman being McCall's closest competition.

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PINK

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Junior guard Teri Oliver said it's important to help raise breast cancer awareness, especially for those who have loved ones affected by the disease.

"I believe raising awareness is important for females of all ages," Oliver said. "Both my grandmothers had breast cancer. One lost her fight, and the other survived."

Oliver said the Pink Zone game is important to her because it reminds her of her grandmothers' struggles and how

valuable it is to raise awareness for women with cancer.

Indigo Donnelly, a sophomore from Chicago studying fashion merchandising, said breast cancer awareness should be emphasized consistently throughout the year.

Donnelly has a pink breast cancer ribbon tattooed on her right shoulder to symbolize the fight for breast cancer. She said she has two family members affected by cancer, one survivor and the other deceased.

"We must raise awareness," Donnelly said.

KAYAK

CONTINUED FROM 12

Promptly after the briefing, we were pushed into the pool for an evening of disorienting rolls and swimmer's ear.

Whitewater kayaks differ from recreational and sea kayaks by their size and agile handling, which is ideal for navigating rapids. However, the possibility of ending up underwater means learning how to roll upright before attempting to brave whitewater.

The spray skirt, a watertight cloth

wrapped around the kayak's cockpit, hems inside to keep the water out once upside down. To squeeze my 6-foot-3-inch frame into a whitewater kayak is as much of a task as the roll itself, but excuses don't flip kayakers.

Resilience proves to be the key to a successful roll. As each flip gets harder and sore muscles become a testament to a night with the Kayak Club, the ability to build one's self up through trial and error helps detour future difficulties on the river in a way that only first-hand experience can.

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SIU looks to raise cancer awareness

BRANDON WILLINGHAM
Daily Egyptian

The SIU women's basketball team will switch its maroon and white jerseys for pink ones Saturday to create awareness for a serious cause.

The team will participate in the Coaches vs. Cancer movement for the second consecutive year, wearing pink attire to bring attention to breast cancer awareness.

Coaches vs. Cancer — a nationwide collaboration between the American Cancer Society and the National Association of Basketball Coaches that encourages teams to participate in the fight against cancer — will be highlighted by the annual SIU Pink Zone game Saturday at the SIU Arena against the Creighton University Blue Jays.

The Salukis will wear pink shooting shirts, jerseys and accessories to display both their involvement in and contribution to the cause.

According to the American Cancer Society's website, more than 2,000 Division I, II and III college coaches participate in the program. Coaches vs. Cancer has raised almost \$50 million since 1998 to support the American Cancer Society, the website stated.

Coach Missy Tiber said joining other universities and schools across the country to raise breast cancer awareness is a good way for players to support all patients affected by the disease.

"It's an initiative for all coaches,



JESSICA TEZAK | DAILY EGYPTIAN

The SIU women's basketball team will support the fight against breast cancer during its 2:05 p.m. game. Saturday in the SIU Arena. The players will wear pink jerseys and shoes while fans are encouraged to wear pink in order to create a "pink out" theme, according to the SIUC athletics website.

the players and the administration to embrace," Tiber said. "What better cause to support and have the opportunity to help fight breast cancer? That's just something we want to be a part of."

Tiber said her aunt is a breast cancer survivor and, whether people are immediately affected by the disease or not, supporting the cause would help others.

According to the American

Cancer Society's website, an estimated 230,480 new cases of invasive breast cancer are diagnosed among women, as well as an estimated 57,650 additional cases of in situ breast cancer — early cancer

that has not spread to nearby tissue — per year. Roughly 39,520 women are expected to die each year from breast cancer, the website stated.

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Snapping and rolling with the kayak club

STAFF COLUMN

CALEB MOTSINGER
Daily Egyptian

Upside down and underwater with my lower body squeezed into a tight kayak cockpit, the motions needed to right the boat seem counterintuitive as I struggle to flip up toward the oxygen my lungs craved.

Luckily, I was in the shallow end of Pulliam's Pool and a spotter from the SIU Kayak Club was nearby in case I couldn't right myself the way I'd been shown: by snapping my hips.

The ability to right the kayak when it flips is essential for anyone who wants to run a wild river, and the Kayak Club teaches those skills. The club meets at 7 p.m. each Thursday at the Pulliam Pool. Kayaks and gear are available, and club leaders don't mind helping new members with their technique.

"Guys always want to use too much upper body," said club president Alexis Irlam, a senior from Virginia studying outdoor recreation. "You snap your hips first, and then pull the rest of your body out of the water."

Once you begin to treat the roll

“Guys always want to use too much upper body. You snap your hips first, and then pull the rest of your body out of the water.”

— Alexis Irlam
club president

as a dance move of sorts, she said, you begin to use less power and more finesse.

Sarah Dorau, a junior from Muncie, Ind. studying blacksmithing and ceramics, said she scheduled her spring semester courses around the club's meeting time. Dorau, a first-time visitor as well, said a summer whitewater-rafting trip prompted her to get into a kayak and onto the river as fast as possible.

"I loved the whitewater," Dorau said. "The guys in the kayaks looked like they were having the most fun on the river."

With spring on the way, club members are gearing up for trips down the St. Charles River in southern Missouri and Lusk Creek, an hour and a half west of Carbondale.



LYNNETTE OOSTMEYER | DAILY EGYPTIAN

Zach Thomas, a junior from Algonquin studying criminology, practices whitewater kayak techniques Friday at Pulliam Pool. The Kayak Club meets to practice techniques and to teach beginners and people who are interested in the sport. Alexis Irlam, the club's president, said club involvement has given her an opportunity to teach the sport to other people and learn along the way.

Before tackling whitewater rafting, first-timers should get some instruction.

Both Irlam and vice president

Zach Thomas, a junior from Algonquin studying criminology, gave a brief tutorial on how to properly hold the paddle and eject

yourself from the kayak if unable to roll it over.

Please see KAYAK | 11